

deserve to be honored to serve as an inspiration for our youth, veterans and for the residents of Santa Clara County.

I wish to thank Victor Garza for his tireless service to the County and wish him the best in his future endeavors. Furthermore, he has my personal thanks for our years of friendship. Though we will all miss his compassion, expertise and commitment, his dedication has left its mark on Santa Clara County.

TRIBUTE TO MS. VIVIAN WILLIE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a respected member of the Philadelphia community. Ms. Vivian Willie is turning 100 years young.

Ms. Willie will celebrate her 100th birthday this October 26, 2003. She selflessly helped the community working for many years at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Ms. Willie continued to serve the people of Philadelphia outside of the hospital working for the anti-poverty program from which she retired.

Along with her son, 22 grandchildren, and over 40 great grandchildren, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Vivian Willie during her 100th birthday celebration.

A TRIBUTE TO DARLENE MEALY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Darlene Mealy for her commitment to public service and dedication to serving her community.

Darlene Mealy was one of eight children born to Edward and Louise Mealy, in Detroit, MI. She was raised in Brooklyn, NY, and would later attend school at Manhattan Borough Community College. While living on Herkimer St. in 1987, she formed a softball team named the "Bullets," which won three straight championships. Since then, Darlene decided she wanted to be in a position where she would be able to give back to the community that gave her so much.

She is the founder and president of FARR (Fulton St./Atlantic Ave./Ralph/Rochester Ave.) Community Association, Inc. FARR has helped forge tighter community bonds and a stronger voice. FARR's successes include removing drug dealers from street corners, beautifying the neighborhood, and saving eight members' homes from demolition, which was planned for by the Fulton Park Urban Renewal Plan. Under her leadership, FARR also has been credited with programs for our youth, such as boys' and girls' basketball and girls' step teams, which she has coached for three years.

Her community involvement also extends to her service on the executive board of the Bishop Henry B. Hucles Episcopal Nursing Home, providing an essential service to frail, elderly and physically challenged community

residents. She is the corresponding secretary for the 81st Precinct Community Council and a member of the Christ Memorial Church in Brooklyn. She was the former secretary of Unity Democratic Club as well. She credits her mother as her role model in learning values that she lives by today.

Professionally, Darlene has worked for the New York City Transit for 13 years. She now works in the Department of Buses and Technical Services. She is on the executive board of Neighborhood Housing Services that gives homeowners low and moderate loans to improve their homes.

Mr. Speaker, Darlene Mealy's commitment, leadership, innovation, and motivation have brought about a positive change in the neighborhood and community she serves diligently. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.

ON THE YANKEES ALCS VICTORY
OVER THE RED SOX

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise and congratulate the New York Yankees for their stirring come-from-behind last night against the Boston Red Sox in the 7th and final game of the American League Championship Series—proving, once again, that the greatest rivalry in professional sports is between the Yankees and the Red Sox.

Roger Clemens pitching against Pedro Martinez—two of the greatest pitchers of all-time, one pitching what was potentially his final game against his former team, the other pitching what until the 8th inning was nothing less than a masterpiece. The first two Cy Young award winners ever to face each other in a Game 7.

Despite an early deficit, the Yankees refused to give up. Two home runs from a struggling Jason Giambi. 3 runs in the 8th. And of course, the winning homer by Aaron Boone in the bottom of the 11th. This is how baseball is supposed to be played: with emotion, honor, grit—and plenty of drama.

And that was only the 7th game. The six other games included so many gutsy performances by series MVP Mariano Rivera, two tough victories by knuckleballer Tim Wakefield and clutch hit after clutch hit by Jorge Posada and Hideki Matsui. It was in every respect a series for the ages.

I would be remiss if I did not say a word for the fans of the Boston Red Sox, especially my friends Congressman MICHAEL CAPUANO, Congressman JOHN LARSON and Senator CHRISTOPHER DODD, who once again saw victory snatched from the jaws of defeat. As heart-breaking as this game is for them, what makes these fans special is that every year, hope springs eternal for them and the rivalry begins anew. They are one big reason this match up is so extraordinary year after year.

So let me again congratulate Joe Torre and his New York Yankees, as they prepare to take on the Florida Marlins in the 2003 World Series. On behalf of tens of thousands of Con-

necticut Yankee fans, you have again made the entire Tri-State area so proud. Go Yankees!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 20, I was in Somerset, Kentucky, tending to official business, and was not present for rollcall votes #563–565. The votes were on House Resolutions 356, 400, and on H.R. 3288. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all measures.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. RUPPERSBURGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 565, I was unavoidably detained because of a meeting I had with the Mayor of Baltimore. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CALIFORNIA MISSIONS
PRESERVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker. I rise today in support of the California Missions Preservation Act of 2003, H.R. 1446.

This important bill would grant funding to restore and repair the twenty-one California missions and their artifacts by providing a grant program under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior with a matching fund requirement for the California Missions Foundation.

As a California native, I cherish these beautiful missions, which represent our past, our history and our founding. It is important to preserve these monuments and museums as they serve as part of our cultural heritage.

Near my district in California is one of these missions, San Juan Capistrano, which served as the birthplace of Orange County.

Founded more than 200 years ago on 10 acres of beautiful gardens and fountains, San Juan Capistrano served as a community for Spanish Padres and Indians. It was a thriving center for agriculture, education and religion.

Today, the mission's visitors can see Native American, Spanish, Mexican and European heritage in the mission's architecture and artifacts. Every year, millions of visitors and school children come to these missions to learn about California and our history. Indeed they are living classrooms of our past.

I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this bill, not only for the sake of preserving California's history, but for our nation's history as well.